

Title: Need to upgrade the functioning of the Television network in the North-West region of the country.

DR. COL. (RETD.) DHANIRAM SHANDIL (SHIMLA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to raise an issue of public importance.

Sir, it pertains to the upgradation of television network across the Western and the Northern regions of our country. There are basically two reasons as to why we should have a good television network in that region. Firstly, it is a strategic region. Sometimes the reception from across the border, that is from Pakistan, is much clear in regions like Jammu, Poonch or in the Valley or sometimes even in Himachal Pradesh. We need to counter that.

Secondly, it is required for the education of our farming community. These areas are inhabited mostly by the farmers. The antennas that are already there, those are communication antennas and those can be connected with powerful transmitters which would help in getting better signals thereby improve the quality of reception.